

**CITY OF EAST ORANGE  
THE EAST ORANGE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING**

**Monday, February 28, 2022  
6:00 P.M.**

**CHRISTOPHER AWE  
City Council Chairman**

**First Ward  
Christopher D. James  
Amy Lewis**

**Second Ward  
Christopher Awe  
Brittany D. Claybrooks**

**Third Ward  
Bergson Leneus  
Vernon Pullins, Jr.**

**Fourth Ward  
Casim L. Gomez  
Tameika Garrett-Ward**

**Fifth Ward  
Alicia Holman  
Mustafa AL-M. Brent**



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**Monday, February 28, 2022**  
**6:00 P.M.**

**ROLL CALL**

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**SUNSHINE LAW STATEMENT**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**PRESENTATIONS**

**MINUTES**

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Correspondence received February 22, 2022 from Joint Meeting submitting a copy of the Minutes from the Meeting of December 16, 2021, Resolutions from the Meeting of December 16, 2021 and the Annual Report of the Sewage Contribution of the Municipalities Organized in Joint Meeting for the Purpose of Assessment for the Year 2022.
2. Correspondence received on February 21, 2022 from the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regarding Ground Water Remedial Action Permit Modification, Site: Former Getty Service Station #56848, Address: 491-495 Prospect Street, City: East Orange, County: Essex, SRP Program Interest #: 001480, Ground Water Remedial Action Permit #: RAP210001, Block: 611 Lot: 18.

**MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**BOARD AND COMMISSION MINUTES RECEIVED**

East Orange Public Library Board of Trustees – January 13, 2022 (via Video Conference)

**REPORT OF OFFICERS**

**Constable Reports – January**

Muraad Rasheed  
Derrick Barrett

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

**ARTS, RECREATION and CULTURAL AFFAIRS – BRITTANY D. CLAYBROOKS**

Lewis, Gomez, Garrett-Ward

**Resolutions**

- |             |                                  |
|-------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>I-60</b> | Patricia Diane Waters - Memorial |
| <b>I-61</b> | Edward Wadoo - Memorial          |

**BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND ZONING – CASIM GOMEZ**

Leneus, Brent, James

**Resolutions**

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|-------------|---|
| <b>I-62</b> | Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Settlement Agreement With the East Orange Senior Citizens Housing Corp        |
| <b>I-63</b> | Resolution Authorizing the City of East Orange to Cancel a Financial Agreement With 329 Park Avenue Tenants Association |
| <b>I-64</b> | Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Licensing Agreement for 20-30 Evergreen   |

**FINANCE – VERNON PULLINS, JR.**

Holman, James, Lewis

**Resolutions**

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| <b>I-65</b> | Payroll #4 – 2/14/2022-2/25/2022   |
| <b>I-4</b>  | Bill Approval & Payment Listing  |
| <b>I-66</b> | Confirmation of Appointment – Mal’ee Wing, First Assistant Corporation Counsel |
| <b>I-67</b> | Tax Appeal Refunds - \$25,096.11   |
| <b>I-68</b> | Duplicate Tax Payments - \$15,229.20   |

**FINANCE – VERNON PULLINS, JR. - Continued**

Holman, James, Lewis

**Resolutions**

- I-69 Resolution Authorizing the City to Enter Into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement With the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey 65MCECCPS
- I-70 Resolution Authorizing the City to Enter Into a Renewal Cooperative Pricing Agreement With the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission
- I-71 Resolution Awarding A Contract for Municipal Budget Consultant Services-City Council
- I-72 Resolution Appointing the City of East Orange's PEJIF Commissioner and Alternate Commissioner
- I-73 Resolution Increasing the Bid Threshold and Appointing a Qualified Purchasing Agent Pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:11-3a and N.J.A.C. 5:34-5 et seq
- I-74 Resolution Amending Resolution I-373-2021 Authorizing the City of East Orange, NJ to Purchase a 100 Foot Mid-Mount Aerial Platform Fire Apparatus and Accessories Under a National Cooperative Purchasing Agreement
- I-75 Resolution Awarding a Contract for Professional Grant Consultant Services to the Aubrey Group
- I-76 Resolution Awarding a Contact for Professional Grant Consultant Services to Millennium Strategies
- I-77 Resolution Authorizing the Publication of a Request for Qualifications to Secure the Services of a Hearing Officer for the City of East Orange
- I-78 Resolution to Approve the Tax Exemption and to Authorize the Execution of a Second Financial Agreement Between the City of East Orange and the East Orange Senior Citizens Housing Corporation Regarding 777 Springdale Avenue
- I-79 Resolution to Approve the Tax Exemption and To Authorize the Execution of a Second Financial Agreement Between the City of East Orange and the East Orange Senior Citizens Housing Corporation Regarding 780 Springdale Avenue

**HEALTH and EDUCATION – TAMEIKA GARRETT-WARD**

Brent, Claybrooks, Leneus

**No Resolutions**

**HOUSING, LICENSING and INSPECTION – CHRISTOPHER D. JAMES**

Garrett-Ward, Leneus, Claybrooks

**No Resolutions**

**PLANNING and GRANTS – BERGSON LENUS**

James, Pullins, Holman

**No Resolutions**

**PUBLIC SAFETY – AMY LEWIS**

Pullins, Garrett-Ward, Brent

**Resolution**

- I-80 Resolution Ratifying the Unpaid Leave of Absence-Police Officer Tiffany Dunston

**PUBLIC WORKS – MUSTAFA AL-M. BRENT**

Claybrooks, Holman, Gomez

**No Resolutions**

**LAW AND LEGISLATION – ALICIA HOLMAN**

Gomez, Lewis, Pullins

**Resolution**

**I-81**

Resolution Appointing Justin Brown, Thomas Bullock and Aziza K. McGill-Ayinde to the East Orange Cannabis Control Commission for a Four-Year Term

**ROLL CALL ON CONSENT AGENDA**

All items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered routine by the City Council and will be acted upon by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, Council may remove that item from the Consent Agenda and discuss it separately under the Regular Agenda

**NEW BUSINESS**

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**TABLED LEGISLATION**

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**ARTS, RECREATION and CULTURAL AFFAIRS – BRITTANY D. CLAYBROOKS**

Lewis, Gomez, Garrett-Ward

**BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT and ZONING – CASIM GOMEZ**

Leneus, Brent, James

**FINANCE – VERNON PULLINS, JR.**

Holman, James, Lewis

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**Ordinances on First Reading**

**Ordinance No. 7 of 2022**

Ordinance to Transfer a City Property to 75 Halsted, LLC in the Transit Village Redevelopment Area Under the Auspices of N.J.S.A. 40:12-A-1 et seq Known as the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law

**Ordinance No. 8 of 2022**

An Ordinance Canceling Bond Ordinance No. 58 of 2021 Providing for the Purchase of a Fire Truck for the East Orange Fire Department

**Ordinance No. 9 of 2022**

Ordinance to Exceed Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and Establish a Cap Bank Pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:4-45.14

**OPEN HEARING OF CITIZENS**

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 3 of the Rules of City Council, each person wishing to address the Council, shall step up to the microphone, give his or her name in an audible tone for the record and unless further time is granted by the Presiding Officer, shall limit remarks to three minutes.

All members of the public are expected to conduct themselves in a proper manner. Any derogatory, abusive or threatening statements will not be permitted. The Chair will immediately rule such conduct out of order and terminate any further comments.

This Meeting of the East Orange City Council will be conducted via video conference, streaming on Facebook Live - [facebook.com/eocitycouncil](https://www.facebook.com/eocitycouncil). Residents may submit a written public comment or question via email to be read during the "Open Hearing of Citizens" portion of the meeting. Comments/questions are to be emailed in advance to [citycouncil@eastorange-nj.gov](mailto:citycouncil@eastorange-nj.gov) by **5:30 PM**.

**CALL OF WARDS**

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## THE EAST ORANGE CITY COUNCIL 2022 SCHEDULED MEETING DATES

In accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, Public Notice is hereby given that the East Orange City Council has established the following 2022 Meeting Dates.

Formal action may take place at these Meetings. Executive Sessions may be held at Committee Meetings or at Regular Meetings. These Meetings will be held in City Council Chambers located at 44 City Hall Plaza, East Orange, New Jersey.

### **Committee Discussion & Agenda Meetings** 5:30PM

Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup>  
Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup>

Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup>  
Monday, February 28<sup>th</sup>

Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup>  
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Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup>

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Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>  
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Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>  
Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>  
Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup>

Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>  
Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>

### **Regular Official Meetings** 6:00PM

Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup>  
Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup> (Virtual)

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**City Council Reorganization Meeting  
Monday, January 9, 2023  
@ 5:30 PM**